

INDIANA'S EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Resolution to Adopt Social Studies Standards

February 20, 2014

Whereas IC 20-1-20.5-1 et seq., calls upon Indiana's Education Roundtable to recommend to the Indiana State Board of Education for the board's approval the state's academic standards; and

Whereas, the 2014 Social Studies Standards are substantially similar to the 2007 standards; and

Whereas, the 2007 Social Studies Standards received favorable reviews from the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, the National Center for Civic Education, the National Center for Economic Education, the National Council for History Education, and National Geographic; and

Whereas, K-12 education teachers and social studies content specialists thoroughly reviewed and updated the standards; and

Whereas Indiana higher education content specialists thoroughly reviewed and updated the standards; and

Whereas public comment was solicited for at least thirty days;

Now, therefore, the Education Roundtable recommends that

The Indiana State Board of Education adopt Indiana's Academic Standards for Social Studies (2014).

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Fiscal Analysis: Resolution to Adopt Social Studies Standards

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Pursuant to IC 20-19-4-8, the Education Roundtable is required to prepare an analysis of the total estimated fiscal impact that the recommendation will have on the state, political subdivisions, and all private schools affected by the recommendation.

The Indiana Department of Education has informed the Roundtable that expenses for the review of the social studies standards were minimal because the work was performed by volunteers. There were no fees for consultants or rental of facilities. The electronic distribution of the standards will minimize printing costs for local school corporations.

There were no expenditures for the background work conducted by the Roundtable staff regarding the alignment with national standards.

Potential Related Costs

The Indiana Department of Education has informed the Roundtable that assessment item development to align with the 2014 Social Studies Standards will cost approximately \$240,000.